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SUBJECT: CHILEAN PROPOSAL FOR TRINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN
NORTH

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1. REFTEL STATES THAT PINOCHET ANNOUNCED THAT CHILE WOULD BE
WILLING TO CREATE TRINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX ON THE
BORDER WITH PERU AND BOLIVIA. OUR UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, IS
THAT THE TRINATIONAL COMPLEX WOULD BE NEAR ARICA, AT THE CHILE-
PERU BORDER.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS
JAVIER MURILLO TOLD EMBOFF MAY 22 THAT BOLIVIA HAD THUS FAR
RECEIVED NO DETAILS OF THE PINOCHET PROPOSAL. MURILLO RECALLED
THAT IN DECEMBER 1976, PRESIDENT BANZER HAD OFFERED TO PROVIDE
BOLIVIAN RAW MATERIALS FOR A SIMILAR PROJECT, BUT THAT THE
BANZER PROPOSAL WAS TIED TO THE IDEA OF A SOVEREIGN BOLIVIAN
CORRIDOR. INSOFAR AS PINOCHET'S REMARKS SEEMED TO PICK UP
ON THE BOLIVIAN IDEA, MURILLO SAID, BOLIVIA MIGHT EXPRESS
POLITE INTEREST. BUT UNLESS IT WERE LINKED TO A SOVERIGN
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CORRIDOR, SUCH A COMPLEX "WOULD CARRY NO BENEFITS FOR
BOLIVIA".

3. IN CONCLUSION, MURILLO, WHO HAS HELPED SHAPE BOLIVIA'S
SEA OUTLET DIPLOMACY, DISMISSED THE PINOCHET OFFER AS A
"TRIAL BALLOON," AND DOUBTED IT COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR
FURTHER NEGOTIATION.

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